

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

-v.-

NICK LAGUNA,

Defendant.

23 Cr. 00436 (JHR)

ORDER

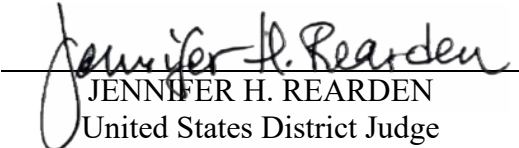
JENNIFER H. REARDEN, District Judge:

The Court is in receipt of a *pro se* letter from Defendant, dated February 1, 2024. As Defendant is represented by counsel, the Court will not consider his letter. *See, e.g., United States v. Miller*, No. 12 Cr. 445 (JMF) (S.D.N.Y. Sept. 21, 2012) (“a court has discretion to accept—and, by implication, reject—*pro se* submissions from a represented criminal defendant” (citing *United States v. de la Cruz*, No. 06 CR 1091 (SAS), 2007 WL 2325860, at \*3 n.46 (S.D.N.Y. Aug. 13, 2007))); *United States v. DiPietro*, No. 02 Cr. 1237 (SWK), 2007 WL 3130553, at\* 1 (S.D.N.Y. Oct. 17, 2007) (“Pursuant to its docket-managing authority, a district court may reject purported *pro se* motions filed by a represented defendant.”). All communications with the Court must be made through defense counsel.

Accordingly, Defendant’s letter shall be returned to him. The Court will forward a copy of the letter to defense counsel.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: February 7, 2024  
New York, New York

  
JENNIFER H. REARDEN  
United States District Judge